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Current Nationwide Threat Level is ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF TERRORIST ATTACKS
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Daily Highlights

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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber:

ELEVATED
Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES−ISAC) − http://www.esisac.com]

1. *July 03, Boston Herald (MA)* — **Serious security breakdown at Exxon's depot.** The U.S. Coast Guard shut down the highly volatile ExxonMobil fuel depot in Everett, MA, for most of the day Thursday, June 29, for a "serious security breakdown" after 15 illegal immigrants were arrested while working for a contractor. The illegal aliens, all from Ecuador, were hired to clean up hazardous materials near ExxonMobil storage tanks that hold gasoline, jet fuel, kerosene, and other volatile materials. They were arrested after failing to check in with security while attempting to access equipment they had stored next door at Distrigas, which operates a terminal containing potentially explosive liquefied natural gas. The company was allowed to resume operations by 9 p.m. EST Thursday after presenting a new security plan. Since the September 11 terrorist attacks, Homeland Security officials have been on edge about fuel shipments through Boston Harbor that could cause catastrophic casualties in the event of an attack. Authorities said the illegal workers were working for Fleet Environmental Services, an ExxonMobil contractor hired to clean up a recent petroleum spill. All of the workers were arrested by immigration agents. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesperson Paula Grenier said deportation proceedings were initiated for 12 of the workers.
Source: http://news.bostonherald.com/immigration/view.bg?articleid=1 46288&format=text

2. *June 29, Utility Automation & Engineering* — **New report details challenges and solutions for protecting critical energy assets.** Recent terrorist activities have raised red flags about the vulnerability of the nation's critical energy assets, including oil and gas infrastructure, transmission grids, power plants, storage, pipelines, and IT systems. Are energy supplies vulnerable to attack? How can we protect transportation systems and transmission lines? How are government and the utility industry working together to protect the public? Is the US prepared to defend itself against cyber−terrorism? These and many other questions are addressed in a new 146−page report on energy security published by Energy Business Reports.
Source: http://uaelp.pennnet.com/Articles/Article_Display.cfm?ARTICL E_ID=258927&p=22

3. *June 29, U.S. Department of Energy* — **Federal agencies collaborate to expedite construction of Alaska natural gas pipeline agreement; establishes framework for increasing energy security.** The U.S. Department of Energy and 14 other federal departments and agencies have signed an agreement to expedite the permitting and construction of the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline which, when operational, will substantially increase domestic natural gas supply and advance the Administration's energy security policy. The Federal Interagency Memorandum of Understanding for the Alaska Natural Gas Transportation Project signals the U.S. government's commitment to expedite the federal permitting processes for the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline and establishes a project management framework for cooperation among participating agencies to reduce bureaucratic delays in construction of the pipeline and delivery of natural gas to consumers. The agreement defines responsibilities related to the approval of the pipeline project and provides for streamlined regulatory and environmental processes and reviews/approvals for the giant undertaking. The pipeline is expected to supply about 10 percent of future U.S. natural gas demand. When the Alaska pipeline is fully operational, it will carry 4 billion cubic feet of natural gas each day.
Source: http://www.energy.gov/news/3793.htm

4. *June 29, Reuters* — **Alaska utility workers may get flu drug priority.** Utility workers in Alaska's biggest city may get priority doses of scarce supplies of antiviral medicines in the case of a bird flu pandemic to ensure continued heat and electricity, an Anchorage official said on Thursday, June 29. Anchorage plans to stockpile Tamiflu and other antiviral medicines, but the city wants to make sure that utility workers keep coming to work. Health officials are formulating comprehensive pandemic flu preparedness plans in the case of an outbreak of the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu in Alaska, considered a likely first point of entry for avian influenza in North America. Anchorage's plan calls for a tiered system of distributing antiviral medicines and vaccines. An alternative plan would be to be to ensure that utility workers who stay on the job are put on a list of priority medicine recipients should they become infected.
Source: http://today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=domesticNews&storyID=2006−06−30T034214Z_01_N29296917_RTRUKOC_0_US−BIRDFLU−ALASKA−UTILITY.xml&archived=False

5. *June 28, Utility Automation & Engineering* — **West Virginia PSC approves $1 billion coal−fired plant.** The Public Service Commission (PSC) of West Virginia granted Longview Power LLC a site approval yesterday authorizing construction and operation of a $1 billion 600−MW coal−fired power plant. Longview plans to construct the plant near Allegheny Energy's Fort Martin plant in Monangalia County near the Pennsylvania border. The commission also approved a Public Convenience and Necessity certificate for a 500 kV transmission line for the plant to interconnect with Allegheny Energy's transmission lines. The Longview plant would be the first new coal−fired plant built since the 80−MW Grant Town facility began operation in 2003, the Associated Press reported.
Source: http://uaelp.pennnet.com/Articles/Article_Display.cfm?ARTICL E_ID=258830&p=22

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

Nothing to report.
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Defense Industrial Base Sector

6. *June 30, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO−06−706: Managing Sensitive Information: DoD Can More Effectively Reduce the Risk of Classification Errors (Report).** Misclassification of national security information impedes effective information sharing, can provide adversaries with information to harm the United States and its allies, and incurs millions of dollars in avoidable administrative costs. As requested, the Government Accountability Office (GAO) examined (1) whether the implementation of the Department of Defense's (DoD) information security management program, effectively minimizes the risk of misclassification; (2) the extent to which DoD personnel follow established procedures for classifying information, to include correctly marking classified information; (3) the reliability of DoD's annual estimate of its number of classification decisions; and (4) the likelihood of DoD's meeting automatic declassification deadlines. To reduce the risk of misclassification and improve DoD's information security operations, GAO is recommending six actions, including

several to increase program oversight and accountability. In reviewing a draft of this report, DoD concurred with GAO's recommendations. DoD also provided technical comments, which GAO have included as appropriate.
Highlights: http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06706high.pdf
Source: http://www.gao.gov/cgi−bin/getrpt?GAO−06−706

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *June 30, Channel Register (UK)* — **Shadowcrew mastermind convicted.** The co−founder of a carding Website that prosecutors describe as one of the biggest online forums for identity theft has been jailed. Andrew Mantovani plead guilty last November to various credit card fraud offences over his involvement with the infamous Shadowcrew website, the Associated Press reports. Mantovani is among 28 people arrested in October 2004 following a year−long undercover investigation, codenamed Operation Firewall, mounted by the U.S. Secret Service against Shadowcrew.com, a members−only underground website that became an online marketplace for credit card scammers and counterfeit identification document forgers. An estimated 4,000 Shadowcrew members allegedly trafficked in at least 1.7 million stolen credit card numbers and caused total losses in excess of $4 million. Victims of this carding activity included banks and credit card companies, who bore the brunt of losses, as well as consumers whose identities and credit histories were damaged by identity theft.
Source: http://www.channelregister.co.uk/2006/06/30/shadowcrew_sente ncing/

8. *June 29, Call 6 (IN)* — **Veterans records tape missing from Indianapolis office.** A backup tape with more than 16,000 records from the Department of Veterans Affairs Regional Counsel Office in Indianapolis, IN, is missing. The revelation came Thursday, June 29, during a hearing of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in Washington. The tape, missing since May 5, had records of 16,537 legal cases and 12,349 records containing personally identifiable information of individuals. The records contain dates of birth, medical records and social security numbers for an unknown number of veterans. The Indianapolis incident happened two days after a laptop containing the personal information of more than 26 million veterans was reported stolen.
Source: http://www.theindychannel.com/call6/9448883/detail.html

9. *June 29, Pennsylvania Department of Banking* — **Pennsylvania Banking Department issues warning about counterfeit cashier's checks.** Consumers who sell items through online auctions or classified ads should be on the lookout for scam artists who pay with counterfeit cashier's checks, Pennsylvania Banking Secretary Bill Schenck said Thursdsay, June 29. Earlier this week, Schenck wrote to the state's financial institutions asking them to caution customers who accept cashier's checks from strangers. Schenck said, "The danger is when consumers accept these checks from another country. The widespread popularity of Internet auctions and the relative ease with which exceptionally high−quality, but bogus, checks can be created has caused this type of fraud to increase...We are seeing this happen in Pennsylvania." The scam takes many forms, but generally involves an offer for an item, apartment or service for sale from a person the victim doesn't know (often from another country). The scam artist sends a high−quality, but counterfeit, cashier's check as payment, which the victim presents to their

bank. In another common scenario, the scam artist sends a bogus check for an amount greater than the purchase price. The scam artist offers what seems like a reasonable explanation for the overpayment and asks the victim to wire back the difference.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060629/phth001.html?.v=57

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

10. *July 02, Associated Press* — **Thirty hurt in train crash outside Philadelphia.** Two commuter trains collided on a suburban rail line outside Philadelphia on Saturday, July 1, injuring 30 people, officials said. The injuries were minor, said Jim Whitaker, spokesperson for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority. Nine people were treated for trauma injuries at Abington Memorial Hospital but none of the injuries were life threatening. The commuter trains, one headed north from Philadelphia toward Warminster and the other headed into the city, collided just before 3 p.m. EDT, Whitaker said. Officials do not know how fast the trains were going or how many people were on board, Whitaker said.
Source: http://hosted.ap.org/dynamic/stories/T/TRAIN_COLLISION?SITE=WUSA&SECTION=HOME&TEMPLATE=DEFAULT

11. *July 01, Associated Press* — **Ships return to Louisiana waters after oil spill.** Commercial vessels began using a southwestern Louisiana shipping channel on Friday, June 30, for the first time since a spill of 47,000 barrels of oil forced its closure last week and tapped the nation's oil reserve. The June 19 spill at a Citgo Petroleum Corp. refinery in Lake Charles forced the closure of the channel, a key lane for transporting petroleum in and out of the region's four refineries. The U.S. Coast Guard allowed a limited number of ships to use the Calcasieu Ship Channel after the wake from a barge carrying gasoline moved through the channel without disturbing cleanup efforts, said spokesperson Petty Officer 2nd Class Adam Eggers. Vessels were allowed to use the channel to head inbound from the Gulf of Mexico toward Lake Charles on Saturday, July 1.
Source: http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2006/07/01/ships_return_to_la_waters_after_oil_spill/

12. *June 30, Detroit Free Press* — **Northwest, flight attendants have two weeks to reach deal.** Saying negotiations over pay and benefit cuts have gone on long enough, a bankruptcy judge tossed out the flight attendants' contract Thursday, June 29, but said he wouldn't enforce the ruling until after the two sides spend the next two weeks attempting to negotiate a contract. If they don't reach a deal, he'll allow the airline to impose the very cuts workers overwhelmingly rejected earlier this month. With the new deadline, the prospect of a strike looms. A flight attendants work stoppage might not shut down the airline, but it could dramatically disrupt travel. "We continue to reserve the right to strike if they impose, but we don't have any preparations at this time for a strike," said Andy Damis, secretary and treasurer for the Professional Flight Attendants Association, which represents 9,300 active and furloughed flight attendants. U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Allan L. Gropper's decision is crucial to Northwest, which is trying to secure the last of $1.4 billion in savings from its labor costs. It's a pivotal piece of the carrier's plan to emerge from Chapter 11 bankruptcy.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/news/2006-06-30-northwest-attendants_x.htm

13. *June 29, USA TODAY* — **U.S. on track to cut airplane accidents by 80 percent.** After two of the worst airline crashes of the 1990s −− TWA Flight 800 and ValuJet Flight 592 −− a White House commission issued a recommendation that the accident rate should be cut 80 percent over the next 10 years. The goal issued in 1997 seemed impossible at the time. Nine years have passed, and, according to the Federal Aviation Administration, the nation is on a pace to meet that goal. The programs and safety systems credited with having the most impact: (1) A joint government−industry group, the Commercial Aviation Safety Team, prioritized safety improvements and has taken action against all of the top aviation killers; (2) Airlines now track thousands of flights a day with computers. Just as crash investigators study "black box" recorders after an accident; (3) All large airlines have channels for pilots and others to anonymously report safety problems or errors; and (4) All large airlines conduct more pilot training than is required under federal rules.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006−06−29−air−safety −side_x.htm

14. *June 29, USA TODAY* — **NTSB: Fuel tank safety remain an issue.** A recent fuel tank explosion on an airplane in India prompted crash investigators to demand Thursday, June 29, that aviation regulators take action to prevent similar explosions in the U.S. Investigators said that the May 4 incident on a Boeing 727, in which a fuel tank exploded on the ground in Bangalore, is similar to the kind of explosion that brought down TWA Flight 800 a decade ago off the coast of New York. Flight 800 exploded a few minutes after takeoff on July 17, 1996, killing all 230 people aboard. The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is assisting in the Bangalore investigation. NTSB acting Chairman Mark Rosenker said that the accident in India shows that, despite dozens of steps to improve fuel tank safety, more needs to be done. The safety board has called for installation of devices that remove oxygen from fuel tanks, making explosions virtually impossible. The fuel tank issue is one of the few causes of a major aviation accident in recent decades that has not been fully addressed by mandatory improvements, according to the NTSB. Including the explosion in India, there have been six instances since 1989 in which fuel tanks on passenger and military aircraft exploded.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006−06−29−fuel−tank− safety_x.htm

15. *June 29, USA TODAY* — **Airways are the safest ever.** The airline industry is enjoying its safest period ever, both here and elsewhere around the world. A passenger hasn't died in a U.S.−registered airline jet accident in more than 4.5 years, the longest stretch in the modern history of aviation. Dozens of safety enhancements have driven the accident rate down. Devices now warn pilots of possible midair collisions. Pilot training has wiped out deadly windshear crashes. And growing numbers of airlines track every flight with computers, allowing them to spot previously unseen problems and correct them before they create accidents. If any single creation deserves credit for making jet travel safer, it is the "Enhanced Ground Proximity Warning System." From 1987 to 2004, the leading cause of death by far in airline accidents around the world was accidentally flying into terrain or water, such as mountains, hills, trees and the ocean. USA TODAY found at least eight cases in the U.S. in which the device issued a warning when pilots strayed too low, possibly preventing crashes, according to reports provided by NASA's Aviation Safety Reporting System.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006−06−29−air−safety−co ver_x.htm

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June 29, USA TODAY — **U.S., Canadian officials break up drug smuggling ring.** Federal investigators said Thursday, June 29, that they had broken an extensive criminal network that used fast, low flying helicopters to smuggle a potent form of marijuana across the border from Canada through remote Western public lands. The smugglers sometimes returned to British Columbia with loads of cocaine from the U.S. aboard the same aircraft, authorities said. Joined by Canadian law enforcement authorities, officials with U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement and other agencies said at a news conference in Bellingham, WA, that 45 people have been indicted in the U.S. and more than 40 arrested as a result of the two−year investigation, called Operation Frozen Timber. They called it one of the most brazen criminal schemes ever uncovered along the 4,000−mile U.S. border with Canada. U.S. and Canadian authorities seized 8,000 pounds of marijuana and roughly 800 pounds of cocaine from the operation, they said, along with three aircraft and $1.5 million in U.S. cash. There is no evidence that the smugglers brought terrorists across the border, said Julie Myers, assistant secretary of Homeland Security for ICE. But she and others said the penetration raised broad border security concerns.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006−06−29−us−canada−dru g−ring_x.htm

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *June 30, Associated Press* — **UPS, pilots union reach new contract deal.** UPS Inc. and its pilots union have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract, which, if approved, would end a stalemate that dragged on for more than three years and included the pilots' threat of a strike, the union said Friday, June 30. The union said in a statement that the agreement would run through 2011 and must be ratified by the nearly 2,500 pilots at the Atlanta−based company. Terms of the new contract include an hourly pay raise of 17.7 percent for top captains with at least 12 years of service and higher health care premiums paid by all pilots, according to a person who has seen the agreement but spoke on condition of anonymity because neither side has been authorized to release details. Pilots at the world's largest shipping carrier had been making on average more than $175,000 a year, according to the company. Under the Railway Labor Act, the pilots couldn't strike while under the direction of the federal mediator. The mediator never released the sides from talks, which apparently continued and were ultimately successful.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/ap/060630/ups_pilots.html?.v=9

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Agriculture Sector

18. *July 02, Chicago Tribune* — **Sixth case of mad cow disease suspected in Canada.** A suspected case of mad cow disease has been discovered in Canada, potentially the country's sixth case. The Canadian Food Inspection Agency said Friday, June 30, that preliminary tests detected the disease known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy in a mature cow in the south central province of Manitoba.
Source: http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/nationworld/chi−060702031

6jul02,1,7033000.story?coll=chi−newsnationworld−hed&ctrack=1 &cset=true

19. *June 30, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Soybean rust found in kudzu in Louisiana.** Asian soybean rust was found Friday, June 30, in a small patch of kudzu just south of Lafayette, LA, in Lafayette Parish. This is the 23rd positive county in the U.S. and the fifth state to have rust this year. According to Clayton Hollier, plant pathologist with Louisiana State University, "agricultural consultant Blaine Viator found the infected leaves in a shady area in which dew probably was maintained. This may have provided ideal conditions for infection. This is the first report of soybean rust in Louisiana during 2006. No Asian soybean rust has been found on soybeans in the state this season. This confirmation puts soybean rust in the state a full four months before it was found there in 2005. Soybean rust was not found in Lafayette Parish last year.
Source: http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=870

20. *June 30, Stop Soybean Rust News* — **Soybean rust found in Alabama soybean sentinel plot.** Asian soybean rust has been confirmed in the Baldwin County soybean sentinel plot at Fairhope, AL. According to the Alabama state commentary, soybean rust was confirmed on soybeans in Alabama Wednesday, June 28. This is the second report of soybean rust on soybeans in the U.S. in 2006.
Source: http://www.stopsoybeanrust.com/viewStory.asp?StoryID=868

21. *June 29, U.S. Department of Agriculture* — **Report on avian influenza efforts and supplemental spending released.** The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Thursday, June 29, released its 180−day report on avian influenza efforts and the use of $91 million appropriated in the Emergency Supplemental Appropriation to Address Pandemic Influenza six months ago. The report details USDA's efforts both internationally and domestically to combat highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza (HPAI H5N1). USDA is working closely with international organizations like the World Organization for Animal Health and the Food and Agriculture Organization to assist HPAI H5N1 affected regions with disease prevention, management and eradication activities. USDA maintains trade restrictions on the importation of poultry and poultry products from regions currently affected by H5N1 HPAI in commercial or traditionally raised flocks. USDA and state animal health officials are working cooperatively with the poultry industry to conduct surveillance at breeding flocks, slaughter plants, live−bird markets, livestock auctions and poultry dealers. USDA has implemented a reporting system to answer calls and inquiries from the public regarding dead or sick wild birds.
Report: http://www.usda.gov/documents/PandemicPlanningReport180.pdf
Source: http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/_s.7_0_A/7_0_1OB?contentidonly=true&contentid=2006/06/0228.xml

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Food Sector

22. *June 30, Reuters* — **Albertson's supplier issues warning over carrots.** Albertson's Inc. said on Friday, June 30, that one of its suppliers had issued a precautionary warning over one−pound bags of peeled baby carrots after a bag in Canada tested positive for salmonella.

Albertson's said there have been no positive tests of any illness or consumer complaints associated with the products.
Source: http://today.reuters.com/stocks/QuoteCompanyNewsArticle.aspx?view=CN&storyID=2006−06−30T204123Z_01_N30308455_RTRIDST_0_RETAIL−ALBERTSONS.XML&rpc=66

23. *June 30, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — **Potato salad recalled.** Shernoff's Salads, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA, is recalling Shernoff's brand Potato Salad because Listeria monocytogenes Poly O, type 1 was discovered in both environmental and product samples. During an inspection, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) reviewed the firm's environmental testing results and observed a positive result for Listeria in the manufacturing room. Finished product was sampled and analytical results were positive for Listeria. Listeria monocytogenes is an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in babies, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. The product was distributed to processors in Pennsylvania and New Jersey who redistributed it in smaller containers to delis and restaurants. The labeling on the smaller containers is unknown therefore it is recommended that if you bought potato salad from a deli in either Pennsylvania or New Jersey between May 18 and June 15 that you do consume any that may be remaining. No illnesses have been reported to date.
Source: http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/Shernoff06_06.html

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Water Sector

24. *June 30, Philadelphia Inquirer* — **Water, sewer plants struggle with flooding.** In Trenton, NJ, Thursday, June 29, the water treatment plant was off−line, and Mayor Douglas Palmer was faced with having 36 hours of drinking water in storage. As the day progressed, it looked as if the plant would be able to resume operations. Upriver in Lambertville, the sewage treatment plant had two feet of water running through it and the workers were sloshing to their stations in hip boots. Three times the normal amount of wastewater was surging through the plant's pipes. Even people beyond the reach of rising river water have been affected because two vital services are often located along rivers: drinking water and wastewater facilities. In Norristown, PA, Thursday, June 29, the wastewater plant came back thanks to some planning. Back when Hurricane Floyd roared through, the plant lost much of its electrical equipment after it was flooded by the rising Schuylkill. This time, plant workers devised a way to pluck out sensitive equipment and partially shut down some processes before evacuating. Elsewhere in southeastern Pennsylvania, 32 other sewage treatment plants had problems with manholes or pump stations overflowing −− or with so much coming in that it simply overwhelmed the system and flowed out into streams.
Source: http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/nation/14934275.htm?source=rss&channel=inquirer_nation

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Public Health Sector

25. *July 01, Reuters* — **Bird flu spreads to new state in Nigeria.** The H5N1 strain of bird flu has appeared in remote Taraba state in eastern Nigeria, but in most other parts of Africa's most populous country the spread of the virus is slow, officials said on Friday, June 30. The first African country to be hit by bird flu, Nigeria has not reported any human cases of the disease although experts warn surveillance may not be completely effective and cases may have gone undetected. The detection of the virus in Taraba means bird flu is now present in 14 of Nigeria's 36 states and in the Federal Capital Territory. The state that had most recently joined the list was Lagos in April.
Source: http://za.today.reuters.com/news/newsArticle.aspx?type=topNews&storyID=2006−07−01T094206Z_01_ALL134910_RTRIDST_0_OZATP−BIRDFLU−NIGERIA−20060701.XML&archived=False

26. *June 30, Agence France−Presse* — **Anti−polio campaign kicks off in Nigeria's north.** An immunization campaign against the virus that causes poliomyelitis entered is second day in northern Nigeria with slow but promising progress, officials and health workers said Friday, June 30. The National Program on Immunization (NPI), in collaboration with UN health agencies, started a five−day campaign Thursday, June 29, tagged "Immunization Plus" of about 10 million people under the age of five in 11 northern states with a high caseload of polio.
Global Polio Eradication Initiative: http://www.polioeradication.org/
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060630/hl_afp/nigeriaunhealthpolio_060630180953;_ylt=ArsM3qdnzF6VKutzzS0FauyJOrgF;_ylu=X3oDMTA5aHJvMDdwBHNlYwN5bmNhdA−−

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Source: http://today.reuters.com/stocks/QuoteCompanyNewsArticle.aspx?view=CN&storyID=2006−06−30T205858Z_01_WEN0475_RTRIDST_0_HEALTH−TAMIFLU−URGENT.XML&rpc=66

28. *June 30, Agence France−Presse* — **Tick−borne disease kills 11 in Turkey.** A tick−borne disease has killed 11 people in Turkey, causing public alarm, but the government said that the country is a long way from an epidemic. "There is a wave of panic which must be overcome," said senior health ministry official Turan Buzgan, adding that the 150 cases of Crimea−Congo heamorrhagic fever recorded so far this year were comparable with last year's total of 266. The disease, related to the deadlier Ebola fever, cannot be cured by treatment. Crimea−Congo fever was first described in 1944 in the Crimean peninsula, but it is not known how it crossed the Black Sea to Turkey. The Congo appellation was added in 1969 when it was realized the same disease had been found in central Africa in 1956.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20060630/hl_afp/turkeyhealth_060

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Government Sector

29. *June 30, Department of Homeland Security* — **Department of Homeland Security completes National Infrastructure Protection Plan.** The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced on Friday, June 30, the completion of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP), a comprehensive risk management framework that clearly defines critical infrastructure protection roles and responsibilities for all levels of government, private industry, nongovernmental agencies and tribal partners. The NIPP builds on the principles of the President's National Strategy for Homeland Security and its companion strategies for the physical protection of critical infrastructure and key assets and the securing of cyberspace. It also fulfills requirements in Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 7 and the Homeland Security Act of 2002. The vast majority of the nation's critical infrastructure is owned and operated by private industry or state, tribal and local governments. The NIPP represents an unprecedented initiative at all levels of government and among private industry, tribal partners and nongovernmental agencies, to build an overarching structure that integrates critical infrastructure security efforts, sets protection goals and supporting objectives, and focuses resources according to risk. HSPD 7 identified seventeen critical infrastructure and key resource sectors that require protective actions for a terrorist attack or other hazards. Sector−Specific Plans that complement the NIPP and detail the risk management framework will be released within 180 days.
Additional information about the NIPP: http://www.dhs.gov/nipp
Source: http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=5721

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Emergency Services Sector

30. *June 30, Philadelphia Inquirer* — **Air crews lift close to 1,000 people from peril.** From the air Friday, June 30, Bloomsburg appeared to be the hardest−hit of the Northern Pennsylvania communities that had floodwaters lapping at their edges and inundating low spots. The Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guard, which on Governor Rendell's orders had mobilized nearly 1,000 troops for storm duty in an 11−county area, said it airlifted more than 1,000 people out of tight spots, mostly in northern counties and across the state border in New York. In the largest single operation Wednesday, June 28, the Guard picked up more than 750 people from a high school field in Conklin, NY. Maj. Gen. Jessica Wright, the Pennsylvania adjutant general, said her troops could get to the stranded people faster than New York Guard authorities could. Chinook and Black hawk helicopters based at Fort Indiantown Gap in Lebanon County conducted relief missions across the eastern half of the state, which was most affected by the storms.
Source: http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/news/local/14934244.htm

31. *June 30, Fox 12 News (ID)* — **New law to protect emergency workers.** A new Idaho law −− the "Move Over" law −− is designed to protect police and other emergency workers. The law went into affect Saturday, July 1, and should dramatically reduce the chances of accidents occurring. The law forces drivers to a lane furthest from emergency vehicles. If another lane isn't available, drivers must slow down. "I believe this new law is going to save the lives of emergency workers, all of emergency personnel. Not just law enforcement, but fire, emergency medical services, tow truck drivers, the Transportation Department, all these people are working in one of the worse hazardous conditions in the United States," said Lt. Kedrick Wills. Nationally, in the realm of law enforcement, traffic−related crashes often equal or exceed gunfire as the leading cause of officer deaths.
Source: http://www.fox12news.com/Global/story.asp?S=5098997

32. *June 29, Honolulu Advertiser* — **No long−term fix in medevac crisis in Hawaii.** After a 30−year free ride from the military, local and state officials in Hawaii are scrambling to find the millions of dollars necessary to continue emergency medical helicopter flights on Oahu. Although the Hawaii Army National Guard has extended a temporary deal to provide seven helicopters until September, no permanent solution has been found. The National Guard flights originally were to end Saturday, July 1. Oahu has been without 24−hour emergency medical flight coverage since March 31, after the Army notified the city and state that its Black Hawk helicopter crews were needed for a deployment to Iraq.
Source: http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060629/NEWS03/606290340/1001/NEWS

33. *June 29, Austin American−Statesman (TX)* — **Lack of training highlighted in city analysis.** Austin, TX's, park police lag far behind the city's other law enforcement departments in terms of staffing, training, equipment and communications, according to a comprehensive review by retired Assistant Police Chief Rick Coy. The review, completed in March, found that some park police officers lacked critical equipment and training in weapons use and mental health issues. Coy, who retired last year, also determined that there are communication lapses between the park police and the Austin Police Department that could threaten officer safety.
Source: http://www.statesman.com/news/content/news/stories/local/06/ 29police.html

34. *May 31, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO−06−498: Homeland Defense: National Guard Bureau Needs to Clarify Civil Support Teams' Mission and Address Management Challenges (Report).** To prepare for potential attacks in the United States involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD), Congress approved the development of National Guard Civil Support Teams (CST) tasked to identify chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or high−yield explosive weapons; assess consequences; advise civil authorities on response measures; and assist with requests for additional support. Thus far, 36 of the 55 approved teams have been fully certified to conduct their mission. The National Guard Bureau (NGB) is in the process of establishing, certifying, and planning for the long−term sustainment of the CSTs. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to address the extent to which (1) the CSTs are ready to conduct their mission and (2) effective administrative mechanisms are in place for the CSTs. To ensure the sustainment of CSTs, the Secretary of Defense should work with NGB and the Secretaries of the Army and of the Air Force to clarify the types of non−WMD response efforts that belong in the CST mission; develop guidance to address CST management challenges; and develop guidance and work with state adjutants general to clarify

administrative oversight and support structures for CSTs. The Department of Defense generally agreed with GAO's recommendations.
Highlights: http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06498high.pdf
Source: http://www.gao.gov/cgi−bin/getrpt?GAO−06−498

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

35. *June 30, VNUNet* — **Firms fail to control World Cup access.** Almost half of the IT managers questioned said that they do not control staff access to live streaming or downloads of the World Cup, according to a Web poll by Sophos. "Allowing users to more or less do as they please online seriously exposes their computers and the network to infectious attack, so it's astonishing that so many organizations are not doing more to control this kind of PC usage," said Graham Cluley, senior technology consultant at Sophos. Cluley warned that every organization needs an IT security policy in place, and that they need to enforce that policy.
Sophos Web poll: http://www.sophos.com/pressoffice/news/articles/2006/06/worldcupspam.html
Source: http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2159489/firms−fail−control −world−cup

36. *June 29, Associated Press* — **Microsoft delays Office business software.** Citing "product performance" issues, Microsoft Corp. on Thursday, June 29, postponed the release of the next version of its Office business software suite. In a statement released by the company's Waggener Edstrom public relations firm, Microsoft said it now plans to release the product to big business customers by the end of the year, instead of in October as planned. Consumers and other business users are now scheduled to get the product in early 2007.
Source: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20060629/ap_on_hi_te/microsoft_office_delay;_ylt=An61rp3T.r2kW6oo.w1ZVcwjtBAF;_ylu=X3oDMTA0cDJlYmhvBHNlYwM−

37. *June 29, CNET News* — **Microsoft releases final IE 7 beta.** A new Internet Explorer (IE) beta shows that Microsoft is trying to put its browser security woes behind it. The software maker released the third and last beta version of IE 7 on Thursday, June 29, getting closer to final delivery by the end of 2006. That will be the first major update to the popular Web browser in five years, and much of the focus for the new version is on security. "Security was the No. 1 investment we made in IE 7, in terms of our development resources," Tony Chor, Microsoft's group program manager for the browser, said in an interview. Microsoft left the browser relatively unchanged after the 2001 launch of IE 6 and even reassigned IE developers to work on other projects. But with IE users under attack and increased competition in the browser space, largely from Mozilla's Firefox, the company restarted its efforts and introduced IE 7 at a major security show last year. The IE 7 beta 3 makes some feature changes from the beta 2. The new version also provides reliability, compatibility and security fixes −− more than 1,000 bugs have been dealt with in total, according to Microsoft.
Source: http://news.com.com/Microsoft+releases+final+IE+7+beta/2100−1032_3−6089370.html

38. *June 29, CNET News* — **Attack code out for Apple flaw.** Attack code that exploits a flaw in Apple Computer's Mac OS X was publicly released Wednesday, June 28, increasing the urgency to patch. The code's arrival comes just a day after Apple made an update available for its operating system. The malicious program takes advantage of a locally exploitable vulnerability in an operating system component called "launchd." "Attackers may exploit this issue to execute arbitrary code with elevated privileges," Symantec said in a security alert to customers that was updated on Thursday, June 29.
Source: http://news.com.com/Attack+code+out+for+Apple+flaw/2100−1002_3−6089630.html

39. *June 24, Associated Press* — **Hacker gets a year in prison for putting 'time bomb' on computer.** William Shea was sentenced Thursday, June 22, for placing a "time bomb" on his employer's computer that corrupted more than 57,000 company records at the Silicon Valley−based debt collection company, Bay Area Credit Services. The malicious code on the computer network that was set to delete and modify data at the end of the month.
Source: http://www.kesq.com/Global/story.asp?S=5074358&nav=9qrx

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US−CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US−CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US−CERT is aware of publicly available exploit code for two unpatched vulnerabilities in Microsoft Internet Explorer. By persuading a user to double click a file accessible through WebDAV or SMB, a remote attacker may be able to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the user. US−CERT is tracking the first vulnerability as VU#655100:
http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/655100

The second issue is a cross domain violation vulnerability that is being tracked as VU#883108: http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/883108

Successful exploitation could allow a remote attacker to access the contents of a web page in another domain. This exploitation could lead to information disclosure, which may include harvesting user credentials. Until an update, patch, or more information becomes available, US−CERT recommends the following:

Do not follow unsolicited links.

To address the cross domain violation vulnerability (VU#883108):
http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/883108

Disable ActiveX as specified in the Securing Your Web Browser:
http://www.us−cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#Intern et_Explorer

Review Malicious Web Scripts FAQ:
http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/malicious_code_FAQ.html#steps

US−CERT will continue to update current activity as more information becomes available

Public Exploit Code for Unpatched Vulnerability in MS Office Hyperlink Object Library

US−CERT is aware of publicly available exploit code for an unpatched buffer overflow vulnerability in Microsoft Hyperlink Object Library (HLINK.DLL). By persuading a user to access a specially crafted hyperlink in an email message or MS Office document, a remote attacker may be able to execute arbitrary code with the privileges of the user.More information about this vulnerability can be found in the following:

VU#394444 − Microsoft Hyperlink Object Library stack buffer overflow:
http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/394444

Until an update, patch, or more information becomes available, US−CERT recommends the following:

Do not follow unsolicited web links received in email messages or embedded in MS Office documents.

US−CERT will continue to update current activity as more information becomes available.

PHISHING SCAMS

US−CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. US−CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:

Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US−CERT.
http://www.us−cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html

Non−federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win−rpc), 25 (smtp), 445 (microsoft−ds), 24232 (−−−), 80 (www), 32790 (−−−), 10530 (−−−), 4672 (eMule), 113 (auth), 26018 (−−−) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html; Internet Storm Center

To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US−CERT at soc@us−cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us−cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: https://www.it-isac.org/.

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Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument &Icons Sector

40. *June 30, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-753: Olympic Security: Better Planning Can Enhance U.S. Support to Future Olympic Games (Report).** The 2006 Winter Games in Turin, Italy, were the second Olympic Games to take place overseas since September 11, 2001. The United States worked with Italy to ensure the security of U.S. citizens, and it expects to continue such support for future Games, including the 2008 Games in Beijing, China. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to (1) discuss the U.S. approach for providing security support for the 2006 Winter Games and how such efforts were coordinated, (2) identify the roles of U.S. agencies in providing security support for the Games and how they financed their activities, (3) review lessons learned in providing security support and the application of prior lessons learned, and (4) identify U.S. efforts under way for providing security support to the 2008 Beijing Games. GAO is recommending that the Secretary of State, in consultation with members of the interagency working group, (1) develop written guidance for providing U.S. government security support to future Games and (2) develop a finance subgroup within the interagency working group to help agencies plan and prepare for future support. State concurred with GAO's findings and recommendations and stated that it has begun taking steps to implement them.
Highlights: http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06753high.pdf
Source: http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-753

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General Sector

41. *June 29, Associated Press* — **Chicago man had ties to Miami-based alleged terrorist group.** A Chicago man arrested last month and charged with illegal possession of a weapon has been identified by federal prosecutors as a former member of an alleged group of aspiring terrorists based in Miami. In court documents filed Thursday, June 29, prosecutors identified the man as Charles Stewart or "Sultan Khan Bey," and said he apparently belonged to an organization called the Moorish National Republic, for which he was trying to recruit members. Stewart has not been charged in the terrorism case. The group in Miami was arrested June 22. Six men are accused of seeking to support what they thought was an al Qaeda operative's effort to bomb FBI buildings in Chicago, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, and Washington. A seventh man was arrested and charged in Atlanta. The group's alleged leader Narseal Batiste met with Stewart in April in Miami where the two discussed recruiting new members and the need for "a revolution to help the people," according to the documents.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_new s/14933537.htm

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